

**August 9, 2012**

U.S. Congressman John Barrow (GA-12), a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, today praised the decision of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) for taking action against Google for the company's role in bypassing privacy settings and tracking customers online. Congressman Barrow is a leader in the House in fighting online privacy violations and protecting consumers on the internet.

Congressman Barrow said:

"Folks in the 12th District have expressed their concerns to me over Google's blatant disregard for their privacy. Google is not above the law, and folks shouldn't have to worry about their personal information being shared without their knowledge. I applaud today's decision by the FTC, and I will continue to work to ensure online privacy isn't jeopardized in the future.

In March, Congressman Barrow sent a letter to Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Trade Chair, Mary Bono Mack, and Ranking Member, G.K. Butterfield, requesting a hearing on the issue when accusations of online privacy violations were brought to his attention. For more information on the letter, please [click here](#).

In May, Congressman Barrow sent a letter to Google CEO Larry Page asking that the company provide Congress and the American public with a full account of the Google Street View program. For more information, please [click here](#).

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